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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICANS

REF: A) STATE 161424, B) PRETORIA 3510

1. WE RAISED WITH THE CONTACT GROUP JUNE 26 THE DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN (REF A) THAT THE FIVE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REPLY TO ANY REITERATION OF BRAND FOURIE'S QUESTION (REF B) WHETHER THE ELIMINATION OF OSHIVELLO AS A LOCATION FOR THE RESIDUAL FORCE WILL BE THE FINAL CONCESSION THAT SOUTH AFRICA WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE. THE GROUP AGREES THAT THIS QUESTION MAY WELL BE ASKED AGAIN IN THE COURSE OF BOTHA'S FORMAL RESPONSE TO OUR JUNE 22 DEMARCHE, BUT IT FEELS THAT NOTHING CAN BE ADDED AT THIS TIME TO THE TENTATIVE RESPONSE GIVEN BY THE PRETORIA FIVE ON JUNE 22

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(PARA FOUR, REF B).

2. BOTH THE BRITISH AND THE FRENCH OPPOSE THE NOTION (CONTAINED IN THE TALKING POINTS -- REF A) OF SUGGESTING TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS THAT THERE MIGHT BE CIRCUMSTANCES IN WHICH THE FIVE WOULD CONSIDER AMENDING OUR PROPOSAL. WE DOUBT WHETHER SUCH A SUGGESTION WOULD BE VERY SOOTHING

TO THE SOUTH AFRICANS. IN ADDITION, NONE OF THE FIVE
IS PREPARED AT THIS TIME TO SUGGEST HOW THEIR GOVERNMENT
WILL REACT IF SOUTH AFRICA AGREES TO THE
ELIMINATION OF OSHIVELLO AND SWAPO SUBSEQUENTLY FINDS
THE GESTURE INSUFFICIENT. LEONARD

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